

16. Rio Hondo College Wildlife Sanctuary: E, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	No	
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	No	
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	No	
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	Yes	This SEA in the west end of the Puente Hills is used as a study area by the students and faculty of Rio Hondo College. It has good examples of riparian woodland, chaparral, oak woodland, and coastal sage scrub. There are over 100 species of vertebrates known from the SEA. Due to location near the extreme northwestern end of the Peninsular Ranges, it is an excellent area for observing the geographical range variability of a number of species which are characteristic of those mountains to the south and have their northernmost occurrences in the Puente Hills, such as the red diamond rattlesnake (co-occurring with the Pacific rattlesnake). Field records on the biotic resources have been kept by professors and students at the College for years, and represent an unusual repository of historical information, augmented by research projects conducted by biology students.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic	Yes	The area is relatively undisturbed, with only a paved road crossing the property and a transmission line skirting the

	communities in Los Angeles County.		southern boundary. It is a good cross section of habitats of the Puente Hills.
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